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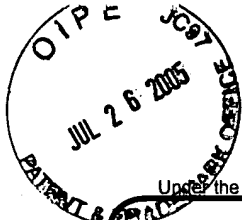
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Serial No.: 10/692,971                      Examiner: Carone, Michael J.  
Filed: October 24, 2003  
Title: LOW SHOCK SEPARATION JOINT AND METHOD  
THEREFORE  
Attorney Docket No.: 024.0030 (02-1193)

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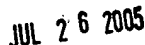
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